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Providing:

Tire and Wheel Failure Analysis
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Fleet Surveys

Marvin F. Bozarth

Date of Birth - December 10, 1936, Paris, Missouri USA

High School Graduate – Mexico, Missouri

Marital Status – Married

Children - 3, **Grandchildren** - 1

44-Years Experience In Tire Industry

- **1955-1958**
U.S. Army Infantry and Armour
Honor graduate from the U.S. Army Europe Engineering School, specializing in Infrared Sniper Scope Technology.
- **1958-1965**
Missouri Farmers Association Oil Company, Columbia, Missouri
Plant Manager retreading passenger, truck, farm and off-the road tires.
- **1965-1970**
Community Tire Company, St Louis, Missouri
General Manager, Retread Division, retreading passenger, truck and off-the road tires.
- **1970-1990**

Purcell Tire Company, Potosi, Missouri

Plant Manager for the first five years. **Vice President** of Manufacturing for fifteen years. Responsible for six retread plants, two of which produced earthmover retreads.

- **1990-2002**

International Tire & Rubber Association (ITRA), formerly the American Retreaders Association, Louisville, Kentucky.

Technical Director with responsibilities that included overseeing the design and construction of the state-of-the-art ITRA Headquarters & Training Center.

Promoted to the **Executive Director** position in 1991. Accountable for ITRA activities worldwide. In 2002, resigned Executive Director position to become Senior Technical Consultant.

- **2002-Present**

Bozarth Tire Industry Consultants LLC, Louisville, Kentucky.

Career Activities

- **Tire Sales and Service** — Experienced in sales and service for all types of tires, including passenger, truck, farm and earthmover.
- **Retread Product Sales and Service** — Developed custom designed machinery and molds for retreading truck and earthmover tires.
- **Tire Machinery and Mold Design for Retreading** — Installed and managed several large truck and earthmover retread plants.
- **Tire Service, Retreading and Sales Personnel Training and Supervision** — Installed and maintained single-phase and 3-phase electrical systems as well as various steam and air systems.
- **Tire Delivery Truck Fleet Management** —
- **Electrical, Steam and Air System Knowledge**
- **Retread Facility Fire and Explosion Investigation**
- **Retread Industry Equipment Installation**
- **Tire Industry Training Program Development and Implementation** (programs conducted in the United States, Mexico, Canada, Japan, Brazil, Russia, Trinidad and Romania) — These programs covered subjects from association management to tire analysis, and nearly all other issues in the tire industry.
- **U.S. Government Agency Tire Training Program Development and Implementation** — Developed a tire service and maintenance training program for the Department of Defense on tactical Military tires.
- **Products Liability Court Cases Expert Witness** — Provide testimony on cases involving all types of tire and wheel systems.

- **Editor, *The Tire Retreading/Repair Journal* and *Industry Update Publications*** — Wrote in-depth articles on tire sales, service, manufacturing and industry trends for nine years.

Industry Involvement

American Society for Testing and Materials F9 Committee

Member, Society of Automotive Engineers

Off-the-Road Tire & Rim Committee

Member, Society Automotive Engineers

J2014 Committee for Tactical Military Tires

Board Member, Tire Retread Information Bureau

Past Chairman, Retread Industry Government Advisory Council

Past Member, ITRA Advisory Council

Past Executive Director of the International Tire & Rubber Association, formerly the American Retreaders Association

Awards

1991 ITRA Industry Recognition Award Recipient